

WOOL SCHEDULE CENTRE OF FIGHT

It Will Be Under Fire Before
Ways and Means Committee
To-Morrow.

REDUCTION IS CERTAIN

Growers and Manufacturers Are
Opposed to Change of
Present Figures.

Washington, January 25.—A virtually undisputed tariff on the variety of articles in the flax, hemp and jute schedule was indicated at to-day's tariff revision hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee.

No action will be taken until the committee considers the schedule in executive session next Monday, but members have indicated that they regard most of the duties as already highly competitive. The government is getting approximately \$17,000,000 revenue annually through this schedule under the present law.

Several new industries in the flax schedule appealed for continued protection. Stanford White, of Chicago, told of efforts to perfect an American flax growing enterprise. Other witnesses declared that free raw flax was the logical tariff course to promote industry here.

The wool schedule, the citadel of the protectionists, will be under fire next Monday, and it is expected that the wool growers and wool manufacturing associations will present an unbroken front in their fight against any change in the present rates.

The expectation, however, is that the Democratic majority, both in the committee and House in the next Congress, will favor the Underwood bill that passed the House at the last session of Congress. That measure would have considerably reduced the present tariff on the wool, but President Taft vetoed the bill on the ground that there was insufficient information as to the basis of the bill to determine what effect it might have on the industries of the country.

Agreement Denied.
Washington, January 25.—Denial that there are rate and service agreements in the steamship trade between New York and Porto Rico was entered before the House shipping trust investigating committee to-day by F. Kingsbury Curtis, president of the A. H. Bull Steamship Company, who told the committee recently that the "coastwise combination" and was cutting rates 20 per cent to drive him out of the Porto Rican business, was the aggressor in the fight and that the line had reduced its rates only in self-defense.

The witness said that while his company and the Red D Line had no agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, both had tried of constant rate wars, and as maintenance of approximately the same rates for the same service was essential in the steamship business, rates in the Porto Rican trade probably "went back to what they were before," if the Bull line would drop out or stop rate cutting.

INNOVATION IN NORFOLK.

Young Women Ushers to Be Employed in One Theatre.

Norfolk, Va., January 25.—Wilmer & Vincent, proprietors of the Colonial Theatre, have decided to put young women ushers in the place of the boys who have heretofore been employed. This is the first house in this section to use girl ushers, although Manager Egan says many of the Northern theatres have found girl ushers to be more satisfactory than boys.

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Quaker Toasted Corn Flakes, pkg.	7c	Good Roasted Coffee, grain or ground, lb.	21c
Pure Lard, lb.	13c	Strictly Fresh Nearby Eggs, dozen	25c
Pure Creamery Butter, 1-lb. pkg.	38c	Good Eggs, dozen	22c
Loose Pure Creamery Butter	33c	Good Canned Sugar Corn, 7c, or 4 cans, 25c; per dozen	70c
Process Butter, lb.	30c	Brookdale California Lemon Cling Peaches, 15c can; per dozen	\$1.65
Maryland Biscuit, finest soda crackers, pkg	4c		
Finest Peters' Cocoa, large Mason jars	30c	6 Large New Fat Mackerel	25c
Large cans Eagle Brand Asparagus, can	16c	New Shredded Coconut, lb.	14c
Shelled Country Walnuts, lb.	30c	Sweet Country Cider, gallon	30c
Armour Star Ham, lb.	18c	Duffy's Malt Whiskey, bottle	85c
Large cans Alaska Salmon, can	8c	Good Rye or Corn Whiskey, gallon	\$2.00
Libby's Large White Asparagus, can	23c	Good 4-String Broom	20c
Libby's Giant White Asparagus, peeled can	33c	Atlantic Matches, dozen	4c
Wineap Evaporated Apples, 1-lb. carton	8c	Good Country Butter, lb.	30c
Libby's Olives, bottle	8c	6-lb. bags Prepared Buckwheat for	25c
Mason Jar Table Mustard	5c	3 Chalmers' Gelatine for	25c
Large glasses Jelly, regular 10c size, now	8c	Wine for jelly, quart	20c
Post Toasties or Washington Crisps, pkg.	8c	Winner Brand Condensed Milk, 9c; or, per dozen	\$1.00
Imported Sour Kraut, quart	1c	Best City Meal, 20c peck; per bushel	75c
Best Quality Early June Peas	11c	High Grade of Butterine, lb.	20c
Katares, the great dividend, regular \$1.00 bottles now 85c; per dozen	\$10.00	8 bars Circus Soap, for laundry, large bars	25c
Hawaiian Pine Sliced Pineapples, can, 15c and 22c	22c	Very Best Baker's Chocolate, lb.	35c
Best Amer. or Consolidated Sugar, lb.	5c	Snowdrift Lard, all size cans, lb.	12-13c
Large cans Virginia Tomatoes 7c; or, per dozen	89c	7 bars Domino Best 5c Toilet Soap	25c
Good Salt Pick, lb.	10c	New Clipped Herrings, dozen, 10c; half barrel	\$2.75
Corned Beef Ham, lb.	12-12c	Campbell's Pork and Beans, can	9c
Skinned Regular Ham, smoked, lb.	16c	6 Potted Tongue or Ham for	25c
Kentucky Apple Butter, can	5c	Fairbank's Coddlene, in cans, all sizes, 2's, 4's, 10's; per lb.	13-15c
Virginia Comb Honey, 1-lb.	15c	Old Apple Brandy, gallon	\$2.00
Brookdale Asparagus, can	17c	Old French Brandy, gallon	\$2.00
Finest Quality Egg Cream Cheese, lb.	22c	New Sour Pickles, gallon	28c
Good Rice, lb.	8c	New Shelled Almonds, lb.	38c
New California Prunes, lb.	8c	Sweet Florida Oranges, per dozen	15c, 18c and 20c
Best Navy Beans, lb.	6c	Finest California Port or Sherry Wine, bottled at vineyard, bottle	35c
Large bottles, Fine Quality Essence Lemon or Vanilla, 4c, or 7c	25c	Good California Sherry Wine, per gallon	\$1.00
Large Juicy Cereals	6c	Jello, any flavor, 9c; 3 pkgs.	25c
Pocahontas Sugar Corn, 4 cans	25c	Mountain Prepared Buckwheat, 2-lb. pkg., 9c; or 3-lb. pkg.	14c
Cape Cod Cranberries, quart	12c	7 pkgs. Toilet Paper	25c
Hilldale Asparagus Tins, can	12c		

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MANY ATTEMPTS TO END HIS LIFE

Wealthy Davidson County
Farmer Has Mania
for Suicide.

MADE WILL LAST THURSDAY

He Tells Relatives That He Is
Determined to Kill
Himself.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., January 25.—After being prevented by his niece, Miss Mabel Conrad from shooting himself with a shotgun, Gordon Shutt, a wealthy farmer of Davidson County sixty years old and unmarried, slashed his throat with a knife, and while taking the weapon away from her uncle, Miss Conrad had both hands gashed up, and she may lose two fingers. The insane man then began hitting his head against an apple tree. He was carried to the house, and while passing through the hall, picked up a long hatpin and endeavored to stab himself in the breast. Failing in this effort to end his life, Shutt made a lunge at the fireboard and cut an ugly gash in his forehead. He then picked up a flat iron, and attempted to strike himself, but was prevented from doing so by those who were endeavoring to quiet him. He next grabbed the fire shovel, but this, too, was taken away from him. He was finally persuaded to go to bed, but soon after retiring, he jumped up and made a rush for the bureau. Open-

ing one of the drawers, he got hold of a black necktie, thinking it was a razor. He then found a knife, but it was taken away from him before he could cut himself with it. His final effort was to choke himself. "You've whipped me this time, but you will not be able to do it any more," declared Mr. Shutt, who added that he was determined to kill himself, but declined to offer any explanation. Shutt is known to have written a will on Thursday. He denied to relatives that a love affair was responsible for his mania to commit suicide. He tried to shoot himself at Christmas, his effort failing through the thoughtfulness of some one who had placed blank cartridges in his gun.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS.

Offers Prizes to High School Pupils for Sewing and Debate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Houston, Va., January 25.—The Houston Civic League met yesterday afternoon in the courthouse, this being the first regular meeting since its organization in December. The president, Mrs. Granville Craddock, presided. It was decided to hold regular meetings on the second Friday of each month. Miss Elizabeth Bouldin was elected treasurer, and all standing committees were appointed. Miss Ellen Bouldin, principal of the High School, requested that the league offer two prizes to her pupils, one to the girls for the best sewing and the other to the boys for the best debate. She asserted that something was needed to stimulate interest along these lines. A motion that \$1 each be given out of the monthly dues to the boy and girl excelling in the respective contests was unanimously adopted. Rev. G. W. Riddle, in responding to the president's call for a short talk, launched the prophecy that this good movement was going to grow, and exceedingly handsome things would be accomplished among which he mentioned a \$3,000 school building to take the place of the present deficient building. The meeting was well attended by the members and unusual enthusiasm shown.

STEWART'S BILL AGAINST TIPPING

Stewart Declares Situation in
North Carolina Is Very
Serious.

HE IS TARGET FOR WAITERS

Employers' Liability Measure
Passes Under Suspension
of Rules.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 25.—Mr. Stewart's bill against tipping passed second reading to-day in the House, providing that it shall be a misdemeanor punishable by \$50 fine and thirty days imprisonment, at the discretion of the court, for any person to give or offer to give, or receiving a tip, or for an employer to be a party to any tipping, through agreement that employees shall be permitted to receive tips.

Such adverse sentiment was manifested, along with levity, over the measure and its scope, but Stewart insisted that the situation in this State is really very serious. He said that it has come to pass that 3 and 10 cent tips are regarded as insulting by the average waiter, and 25 and 50 cents are minimum tips that win favor. A waiter had recently thrown him back a 3 cent tip, with distinct manifestation of indignation. Since he introduced this bill in the House, waiters hereabouts had gotten on to him as the author of this bill, and he has already lost ten pounds through the decided slump in the fare waiters permit him to have. His steak is tough, his eggs are bad, and the fare is bad generally, he declared. He spoke much in a humorous vein, and then declared in all seriousness that he wanted his bill given a standing in the House. He has written, he said, for the Mississippi law against tipping, and expects to have it Monday and wants to amend his bill on the final reading to conform to the Mississippi bill. The Senate suspended rules for Senator Stubbs and passed an Employers' Liability bill only introduced today, which embraces all corporations. It extends to them the provisions of the act of Congress relative to common carriers' liability to employees, the bill applying this act to North Carolina.

The Senate passed the council act to prevent a multiplicity of indictments below the grade of felony. A bill to allow clerical assistance to the Supreme Court reporter, came up and Senator Jones, of Forsyth, declared that it should not go into increasing expenditures until it ascertains its assets. He severely criticized the custom of auditors' warrants being issued to State institutions when the money was not in the treasury, these warrants being discounted at the bank, saying that any State that lived beyond its means was facing bankruptcy.

The Senate referred the joint resolution from the House asking for the passage of the Webb-Kenyon liquor bill by Congress to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Brawley, of Durham, introduced a bill to prohibit the origination of cheap Sunday excursions by railroads in North Carolina and Snell, a bill to prevent fraud on merchants.

Among bills reported from the Senate that passed in the upper branch of the assembly limiting borrowing by building and loan associations to fifty instead of twenty-five per cent of assets. It went to the Committee on Corporations and a powerful opposition is rising up for its defeat in the House.

Among bills that passed final reading were: to consolidate Winston and Salem; authorize the construction of Watauga Railroad through Watauga and Ashe Counties, as part of the Carolina-Virginia Road.

FREED ON CHARGE OF WIFE-MURDER

Burst of Applause Greet's Jury's
Verdict in Beland
Case.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Goldboro, N. C., January 25.—After twenty-one hours' deliberation, the jury in the trial of J. W. Beland, for the murder of his wife, returned a verdict of not guilty, thus closing a trial that has been of more general interest than any case heard in Wayne County in many years. The available space in the courtroom was filled at the opening of its doors this morning, and when the verdict was announced about one hour later there was a burst of applause from the spectators such as is seldom heard in a courtroom, and which brought forth a rebuke from the presiding judge.

Beland and his children shook hands with the jurors and thanked them. The verdict meets with general approval, as public sentiment has been strongly in Beland's favor since the shooting of his wife last August. Fully 200 people who looked and hoped for his acquittal were in attendance from Wilson, where the case was moved from to this county.

The State witnesses showed that Beland shot and killed his wife, and admitted that he did the killing, but claimed emotional insanity for his act. Beland's record of a blameless life and that of a good husband and father prior to committing this crime made it hard to believe that he could knowingly have murdered his wife, and the jury, giving him the benefit of the doubt, acquitted him.

Beland left on the noon train for his home at Wilson, N. C., and will go back to his old position as cotton buyer, which position has been held open for him during the time he has been in jail. He was accompanied by his five children, who have sat beside him during the trial. One daughter is married and lives in Lynchburg, Va., and was here with her husband and baby.

SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

Crowds of Curious People Attend Sale of Suicide's Property.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Harrisonburg, Va., January 25.—The personal property of Rueben M. Grubb, the Paulington farmer, who committed suicide several weeks ago, leaving his estate of \$2,000 to the Harrisonburg Hospital, was sold at public auction yesterday. The rifle that the agonized would blow out his brains was sold to R. L. Painter, of North River, for \$50. Nobody could be induced to buy the chair in which the aged bachelor sat when he took his life. Nobody would even touch it. A crowd of 800 people, more from morbid curiosity than from the desire to buy, gathered at the country home for the auction. Included in the library were volumes of Tom Paine, Voltaire, Reman and Ibsen, all showing the bent of the old man's mind.

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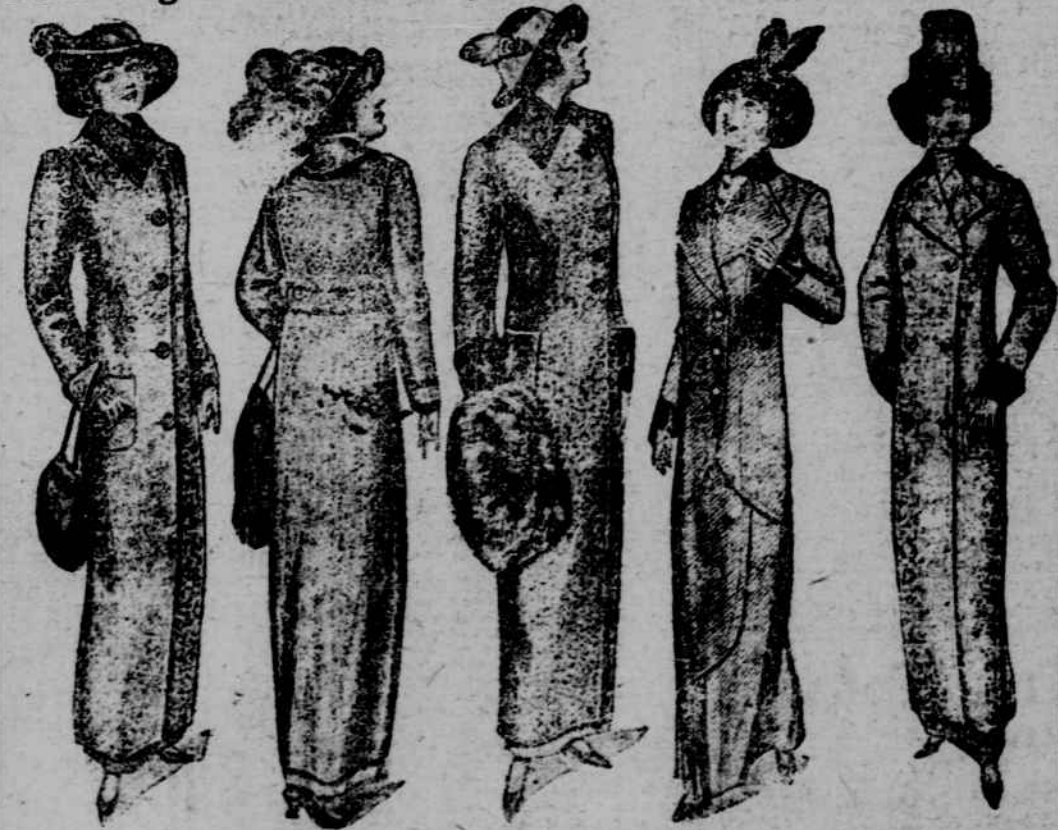
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MIRACLE STORY CALLED UNTRUE

But Still Great Crowds Seek
Cure at Statue of
Virgin.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
Paris, January 25.—The statue of the Virgin at Belem, which, according to report, spoke and conferred miraculous powers while a woman was cleaning the face of the statue of loss with a handkerchief is drawing great crowds of invalids and cripples. It is said that the blind have recovered their sight and the lame have walked at this new Lourdes. There is no trustworthy evidence, however, of these reports. The police are kept busy in preserving the peace between women of the town who believe in the cure and skeptical visitors. One woman who, for a small fee, rubbed the handkerchiefs of visitors on the hands of the statue was expelled, and eventually access to the tomb was forbidden by the police.

The authorities have found the original woman who was quoted as saying that the statue of the Virgin spoke, and she said that the story is untrue. She declares:

"My mother and myself prayed for several years at the tomb. Finally our prayers were heard, and my daughter and my mother were cured of serious maladies. That is all there is to it."

The Catholic clergy have issued a note asking the faithful not to attach importance to the current reports, and saying that great circumspection is needed in such affairs.

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